

In re: Dougal
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REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 8, 2003 (the "Action") maintains the rejections of the previous Office Action dated July 28, 2003 and, in addition, rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph on the grounds that it is a single means claim. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the "means for" language, and therefore, Applicant requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 be withdrawn.

The arguments from the previous response are incorporated herein by reference. Applicant submits that the above amendments more particularly claim the invention and place the claims in better condition for appeal. The above amendments do not raise the issue of new matter or otherwise introduce new issues. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is hereby requested and allowance of the pending claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

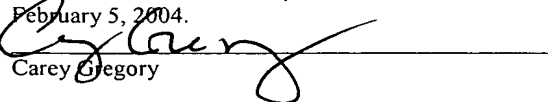


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